

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Rule 53(b) Continuation of U.S. Appln. No. 08/948,157**

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conced*

Claim 8. The method according to Claim 6, wherein at least a portion of the continuous stream of concentrated liquid mixture leaving the turbo-concentrator is recycled to the turbo-concentrator.

Claim 9. The method according to Claim 7, wherein a portion of the continuous stream of concentrated liquid mixture leaving the turbo-concentrator is fed in again continuously upstream of the turbo-concentrator.

**REMARKS**

The above amendment places the claims in the condition they were in on appeal in the parent application. In addition, the specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent application and to make a change made in the parent application. Entry and consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests an interview with the Examiner prior to examination of the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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